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NEWS AND HOKUM

Most veteran newsmen know, of course, that the world is composed of significant events, which constitute—and hokum, which many people confuse with news. The average newspaper editor finds it difficult to keep all the hokum out of the newspapers, for indeed, many people like it.

A newspaper has many departments. Fashion news is seldom read by the men. Few men pay much attention to the society and club section. Yet, many women feel that many papers waste space by writing up the sports events.

In summary, it takes all sorts of news and a broad coverage, to produce a paper, even a weekly newspaper, which will have something to appeal to all of its readers.

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HISTORY, AND DAYS

If you like to remember the history about the days, July is a good month to recall the history of the Civil War. Not only did the Battle of Gettysburg take place on the first three days of the month, in 1863, but many other memorable dates are connected with that war.

On he 20th, for example, the Confederate Congress met in 1861. And on the 21st, in the same year, the first battle of Bull Run was fought—the day after the Confederate Congress met.

The Pilgrims left for America, back in the distant past, in the year 1620, on July 22nd.

On July 23rd, in 1885, twenty years after the Civil War ended at Appomattox, General U. S. Grant died, having been President of the United States for eight years after the Civil War.

On the same day, in 1809, John Rutledge, the second Chief Justice of the United States, died. The date of Rutledge's death is remembered because the date of his birth is not known, although it is known that he was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1739.

July 24th is Pioneer Day in Utah, commemorating the arrival of Brigham Young and his followers in the Great Salt Lakes Valley, on July 24th, 1847.

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GETTING READY FOR WAR

It is never a pleasant thought to contemplate getting ready for war. Therefore, in democracies, where people have the right to do as they please, generally speaking, the people seldom are ready for war.

This has never been more strikingly true in any democracy than it is today in the United States. In fact, we are so unprepared it is actually astonishing. Take, for example, the preparations which should have been made for a nuclear attack. The world has long been aware that the Russians are building intercontinental ballistics missiles, that the Russians have atomic and hydrogen bombs and that they have perhaps the greatest capability of delivering them, via rockets, of any country in the world. Yet, our industry and government remains concentrated in set-up targets. Virtually nothing has been placed underground. We are dangerously vulnerable to a nuclear surprise attack. If some enemy decided to expand upon what was done to us at Pearl Harbor, the damage would be irreparable. Complacency we drift along, spending borrowed billions of inflated dollars, wastefully. It is to cry.

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FOR ONCE, WE AGREE

It is not too often we are found agreeing with the Russians over the United States. But, as to the international track meet just completed in this country, we agree with the Russians that they won. Our sports pages have heralded an American victory, because our men athletes nosed out the Russian men. But the Russian women athletes won over American women athletes by a margin which gave the Russians an over-all victory in the meet. Therefore, we say, the Russians won. It is our recollection that many a ball team would like to forget about the "seventh inning," and put a final score in the record counting just the innings they won. We imagine Floyd Patterson would like to forget the round when the big Swede recently knocked him out. Same in every athletic contest. The simple fact, it appears to us, is that the Russians brought a team of athletes, of both sexes, over here to compete with our top athletes of both sexes. And the combined Russian team outscored us.

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There are at least ten million Americans who can tell you, right now, who will be the next President of the United States.

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We know of no Appomattox County boy, in the armed services, who would not enjoy receiving the issues of The Times-Virginian regularly.

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It doesn't take a super-man to stand on the corner and throw mud at someone who is trying to do something.

A DISTRUBING AND STARTLING DECESION

Editor's note: We have been requested by a local reader to reprint the following from the July 16 issue of the Virginia Methodist Christian Advocate):

Just before the United States Supreme Court adjourned for its three-month summer vaacion, it passed on one subject in a most disturbing—not to say, shocking—manner. It was the same Court, as Columnist David Lawrence reminds us, that recently ruled that it is quite permissible to touch or otherwise advocate the overthrow of the government, because this is just an "idea!"

The latest decision is particularly startling to all persons who believe that it should be unlawful to advocate sin, just as it is unlawful to advocate crime, especially regarding motion pictures which reach impressionable youth as well as adults.

This decision was a reversal of the highest court of the State of New York, which upheld the law of that state which forbids the exhibition of motion pictures "which are immoral in that they portray 'acts of sexual immorality' as desirable, acceptable, or proper patterns of conduct.'"

The motion picture in question was one which has been widely shown throughout many parts of the nation but the New York court decided that, because "its subject matter is adultery presented as being right and desirable for certain people under certain circumstances," it should be banned.

The U .S. Supreme Court reversed the decision of the New York court, in a unanimous decision, saying that New York State had no right to pass such a law because it is unconstitutional. The language used by Justice Stewart in the Supreme Court decision is startling indeed. He says: "What New York has done, therefore, is to prevent the exhibition of a motion picture because that picture advocates an idea—that adultery under certain circumstances may be proper behavior. Yet the First Amendment's basic guarantee is of freedom to advocate ideas. The State, quite simply, has thus struck at the very heart of constitutionally protected liberty." The Court quibbles that "incitement" to actual adultery on the part of persons who see or who may have seen it has not been proved, therefore it is not wrong to advocate the idea. Likewise, with the idea to overthrow the government. Unless the advocacy of the idea has actually led someone to try to overthrow the government, there is no harm done, the Court implies. As Mr. Lawrence suggests, to cry "Fire" in a crowded theater might conceivably be defended under the head of free speech, but this would not protect persons who might get killed in the stampede to follow.

The Supreme Court decision regarding the teaching of "an idea" would not do justice to a group of high school adolescents who were playfully conducting a mock trial at school. The world is ruled by ideas and to contend that any person is free to advocate any idea he pleases, simply because all that it is is an idea is the height of stupidity! Everything was first a thought—an idea, if you please. Even this Supreme Court decision was an idea before it was reduced to writing.

It should be said that while the justices all concurred in the final decision, there were various interpretations of the situation by different members of the court. However, they all agreed that no state can legally bar the dissemination of an "idea," whether it be the idea of overthrowing the government or of advocating adultery as, under certain circumstances, being approved procedure. Likewise, we presume that it would be perfectly permissible to teach communism, or how to rob a bank or how to counterfeit money—all these are but "ideas".

Interestingly enough, the Court's decision has led to the prompt proposal of a constitutional amendment (in the U. S. Senate) to offset the force of this decision before it spawns a whole host of unwanted offspring. Senator Eastland (D.-Miss) proposed the amendment which says that "the right of each state to decide on the basis of its own public policy questions of decency and morality, and to enact legislation with respect thereto, shall not be abridged." Eastland, as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, promised speedy hearings on the proposed amendment. The amendment, or one like it, should be promptly passed.

Someone needs to tell the members of the Supreme Court that liberty is not license. My liberty to speak does not grant me license to damage the reputation of another by irresponsible utterances. My liberty to live does not give me license to take the life of another. And the liberty to advocate an idea does not grant one the license to mislead young life in paths that are morally and spiritually suicidal!

With liberty always goes responsibility, and a person who insists upon his rights has an obligation to recognize the responsibilities that go with privileges of all kinds. And irresponsible utterance is nowhere more out of place than when it seeks to advocate sin in any form as acceptable social conduct.

NYET ON TRAILERS

Del Mar, Cal.- Sergi Yoger, a touring Russian aircraft designer, was inspecting an exhibit of house trailers at the San Diego County fair.

"Do you have house trailers in Russia?" a newsman asked.

"Nyet," Yager replied in a word.

The newsman had a pretty good idea what the word meant, but he asked Yager's interpreter for an explanation anyway.

"He says," the intepreter replied, "that they do use wheels in Russia, but more permanent housing."

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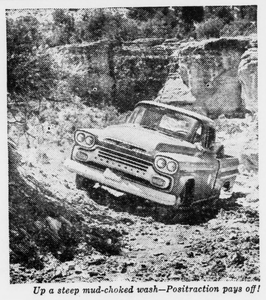

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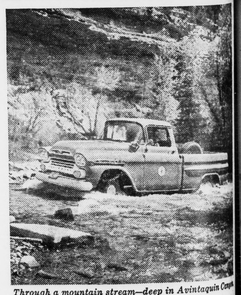

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FEEDING CALVES IS IN ORDER ON DAIRY FARMS

Feeding calves — a practice which means some argument in dairy circles — may be in order on dairy farms this year, says Virginia animal husbandman at VPI.

He says, calves aren't born in the first two or three weeks their mothers are dry because pasture is not usually giving plenty of milk, the calves are not big enough to eat much grain. However, they start to want, and may be the sensible thing to do.

He says he surveys the situation on his own individual dairy farm and decides or not to creep feed calves on many factors — the cost of pasture, the condition of the market, price of cattle, the price of calves. The only creep feeding is to put the creep fed calves usually 20 pounds more at weaning than calves that have not been creep fed. They also will be larger.

If pastures are extremely poor, he expect more than 20 additional pounds by creep feeding. If pastures are ideal, there won't be much additional weight. But assuming the calves do gain 20 extra pounds, at 30c a pound, the extra poundage would bring $6. If they were raised one-half grade, assuming a 2c price spread between grades, the price would go still higher. An extra profit of $10 to $15 per head on calves that are creep fed will add up, if there are calves to be sold. Must says to remember that this year's high prices may make creep feeding profitable, particularly if natural feed conditions are not very good.

VIRGINIA PEACH HARVEST

Virginia's peach harvest is underway now, with a crop of around 1,500,000 bushels expected for the state this year.

Fred S. Dreiling, associate horticulturist at VPI, says reports indicate the fruit is clean, but with dry weather size is below normal where orchards have not been thinned enough.

Last year's crop was around 1,950,000 bushels.

Dreiling says the consumer naturally wants a blemish-free fruit picked from the tree at the peak of quality. He has several suggestions:

Harvest peaches just as the ground color is beginning to turn yellow (or white, for white varieties), and while the peach is still firm. It is absolutely necessary to pick trees more than once during the season to get top yields of top quality fruits.

Peaches that are grown properly are of excellent quality when they are ready to be picked. How long they will keep their quality depends on the grower, the foreman, the picker, the distributor and the buyer. Each has a responsibility, Dreiling says.

The grower should provide safe equipment. Good supervision is a must. Be sure to have plenty of picking containers and a definite understanding as to when and how pickers ought to be paid.

The foreman must give clear instructions, see that the picking equipment is in good condition, show how to use ladders and picking buckets, and show pickers how to pick the individual fruit. Be sure the pickers know at what stage of ripeness the fruit is to be picked. Show how peaches should be placed into the picking container, and how to empty the container into field crates. Go over the instructions several times, and make spot checks of each picker's fruit from time to time.

The picker is the man most responsible for quality. He should follow a simple, effective system .Begin picking at one side and circle each tree in the same direction.

Start picking from the ground, picking clean as he goes each peach which has reached the proper stage of maturity. He should grasp the peach so that the cushions of his finger, and not the tips, touch it. Pull outward and give the fruit a slight twist. Place, don't drop, fruit in the picking container.

When he has harvested all the ripe peaches he can reach from the ground, he sets the ladder and begins picking the lower-most fruit he climbs. He should always work with both hands closer together and in front of him, and glance ahead to select the fruit he will pick next. When the fruit must be emptied into a field box, he must not let it fall or drop, but bend down and ease the fruit into the field crate.

Fruit picked at proper maturity, and handled carefully, will find a ready market, Dreiling says.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Dad's a "Budding" Genius

Time to start planting flowers again, so here's a few details about the Fowler Garden Preservation System.

Youngsters used Dad Fowler's garden as a short cut to the playground. He had a tough time keeping them out until he started a new system.

He called the small fry together and had them print their names on cards. The cards were put on stakes near every clump of flowers. Right away, each kid began to root for "his" particular plants to come up first, voluntarily kept trespassers off "his" area — and Dad's garden thrived!

From where I sit, there's a system for just about everything . . . even for getting along with people! The best one I know is *tolerance*. It means respecting your neighbor's preferences as well as your own. For instance, I prefer an occasional glass of beer with dinner. You may like iced tea. If we accept each other's choice, we're on our way to making our friendship "flower."

Joe Marsh

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LARGE DAIRIES NEED MODERN ENGINEERING

Large-scale dairy enterprises need up-to-date engineering methods if the dairyman expects to stay profitably in the business, says W. S. Griffith, dairy specialist at VPI.

He points out that concentration of large numbers of dairy cows, equipment, and labor into relatively small areas intensified the problems of design, investment, labor management ,and sanitation.

Large dairies — 400 to 1,500 milking cows— may become more widespread in the future, he said. Because most of these large dairies operate on hired labor, it is necessary to have well-engineered layout of buildings, lots, lanes, and gates to promote labor efficiency if the business is to be profitable.

At big dairies, just getting the cows to and from the milking area is a problem. Traffic control can be aided by time and travel studies that tend to eliminate bottlenecks.

Core of cows and efficiency can depend on the fatigue of the milker. Three-year records of a 960-cow dairy in California, reported recently at a meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, showed to the farm manager that the dairy herd could produce more milk, be milked more rapidly and with less labor, in elevated stalls rather than in floor-level stalls. The difference in production was largely because of the extra care given cows milked in the elevated stalls by milkers who were less tired because they did not have to squat or stoop.

The production difference between the two systems was enough to that the original stall barn was torn down and replaced by an elevated stall system. Original cost of the string barn is expected to be made up in less than one year by the increase in production from cows in the new elevated-stall layout.

FARM INVENTORY IMPORTANT, BUT OFTEN NEGLECTED

The farm inventory is one of the most important, but most frequently neglected, parts of the farm record.

R. K. Reynolds, assistant agricultural economist at VPI, explains that the farm inventory is often referred to as the farm property record. It consists of a classified list of all farm property, such as real estate, machinery and equipment, livestock, and feeds. Each of these classifications is divided into minor categories.

An accurate and complete inventory will enable the farmer to determine the worth of each particular type of asset. It shows the relative importance of the various properties. The usefulness of the annual inventory is sometimes limited, but by comparing inventories in succeeding years the farmer can usually get a good idea of his progress. However, the inventory does not tell the whole story of success or failure on the farm. Gather complete records are needed for the overall picture.

The main difficulty associated with the inventory is not the physical count or classification, but rather the evaluation of each item.

Reynolds emphasizes the need of using conservative figures. If values too high or too low are used, the results will be misleading.

Finally, Reynolds says it is essential to remember than an inventory must be taken at the beginning and the end of each accounting period and must be accurate and complete to avoid being misled in the final analysis of the farm business.

Vera

Vera, July 21.- "Let your light so shine, before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven." —Mathew 5:16.

We are thankful for the nice rains. Crops and gardens are so revived.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C .Harvey on Wednesday were Mrs. Lester B. Harvey, Mrs. Richard C.rson and Sylvia, Mrs. Eva Hayden and Mrs .Nathalie Robertson.

Miss Bonnie Webb visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Tuesday.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. John Scruggs is in the hospital, and we hope for him a speedy recovery.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Lawrence Hatcher, and extend sympathy to his family.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Hatcher Beale, and extend sympathy to his family.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C .Harvey were Mr. and Mrs .Richard Carson, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Harvey, of Lynchburg.

Mr. Jack Harvey visited in the home of Mr .and Mrs. T .C. Harvey on Monday.

County Line

County Line, July 20.- A splendid rain fell here last night.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Harry Nash. Mrs. Jesse Jones visited her Tuesday night.

Mr. William Mayberry was carried to the hospital last week.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Thomas Reedy in the sudden death of her husband.

Mr .and Mrs. John Waller, of Asheville, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waller Friday. Mr. Barney Evans, of Michigan, visited them last night.

Mr. and Mrs. L .A .Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Len Love visited Mr. John Love Sunday.

Little Paul Mullin was sick last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mayberry visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullin Sunday night.

Visitors in the home of Vernie Jones Saturday night and Sunday night were Victor Jones and son-in-law, Jimmie Bailey, of Newport News, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones and granddaughter, Gail Robinson, Mr. and Mrs .Fred Jones and children and Pearlie Jones.

Mrs. Vernie Jones accompanied Mr. and Mrs .Robert Layne to Roanoke Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs .Bobbie English.

Embarrasing Incident

Clearwater, Fla.- It was a toss-up as to who was the more embarrassed, Terry Clark, 17, whose car hit a lamp post, or policeman Bernard Menghelli, who immediately arrested him.

Clark said the accident happened when he took his eyes off the road to watch a pretty girl walking by. The policeman admitted he had not seen the accident. He also was watching the girl.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan attended the Sublett - Elder wedding at Midway Church Saturday afternoon.

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